

### *State Moves to Terminate Federal Agreement That Is Undermining Public Safety*

**Washington, DC)** – Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL-4) issued a [letter](#) to Governor Pat Quinn of Illinois and the Director of the Illinois State Police, Hiram Grau, congratulating them on their decision to take the State of Illinois out of the so-called "Secure Communities" federal immigrant deportation program. The letter cites the leadership of the State of Illinois in reconsidering participation in the program that "undermines public safety by making the police a source of fear to law-abiding immigrants and families rather than partners, protectors, and allies."

Congressman Gutierrez writes in the letter that the Congressional Hispanic Caucus directed him to express to the Governor and State Police Director "our strong support of the vital step you took to protect our communities from this flawed program." Last month, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus approved a letter to President Obama (which was delivered this week) that expressed the Caucus' desire that the President "halt the aggressive expansion of the program to allow for a robust review and evaluation of Secure Communities." An excerpt of the Caucus' letter is included in Rep. Gutierrez' letter to the Governor and Director of State Police.

At a meeting at the White House on Tuesday, Caucus members expressed their concerns about the program directly to the President, while discussing other aspects of immigration and steps the President should take to prevent the deportation of noncriminal immigrants.

Rep. Gutierrez is the Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Taskforce on Immigration.

[Gutierrez Letter to Governor Quinn](#)

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